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The "Cesterreichische Zeitung" has been taken over and is being published by the Soviet Information Service and is no longer the organ of the Red Army in Austria as it claimed to be. Lt. Col. Oldienke, boss of the Soviet Information Service, is now in control of the paper, though a new chief editor from Moscow is being awaited. Col. Lasak, former editor of the paper, is scheduled to return to the USSR shortly. Several Tass editors are temporarily attached to the staff of the "Cesterreichische Zeitung". At least one Austrian, Masseiduschek (fnu), formerly a fairly important employee of the paper, has been fired because he is not a KPOe member.

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